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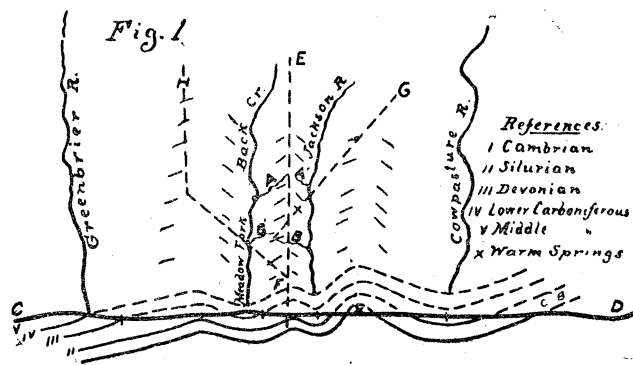
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A RECAPTURE FROM A RIVER PIRATE.

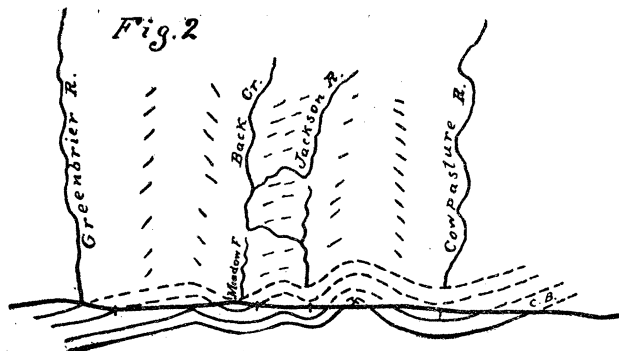
THE Jackson River of Bath and Alleghany counties, Virginia, affords an interesting example of recapture of a



portion of a stream from "a river pirate." Last winter I directed the attention of Messrs. Charles Baskerville and R. H. Mitchell, students of the University of North Carolina, to the interesting problem of adjustment presented by this stream. A result of their investigation is given in the accompanying sketch maps.

Fig. 2 presents a map of the stream in its present relations, and a geological section of the country. In fig. 1 we have the streams at the beginning of their existence, just after the great permian deformation, occupying synclines upon the carboniferous rocks. The permian topog-

raphy is represented by the dotted lines, the existing topography by the line C D. It is evident that in permian time Back Creek and Meadow Fork made a continuous stream, occupying a synclinal valley. The first capture was that of the headwaters of Jackson River by



tributary A of Back Creek, as the folds of permian time were higher to the east and died away westwardly. At a later date, probably at the time of the cretaceous tilting, when the hills sloping east became steeper, tributary B, of Jackson River, beheaded the pirate and recaptured her own waters.

Chapel Hill, N. C.

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